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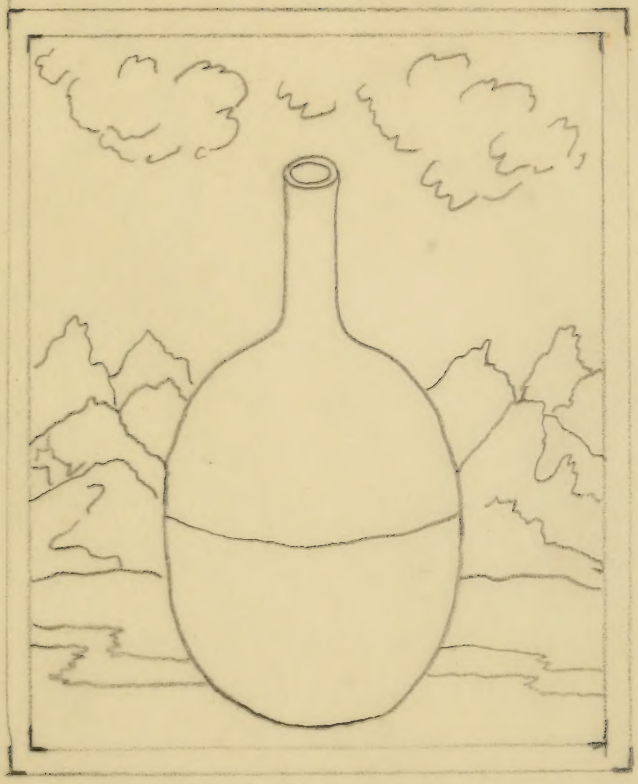

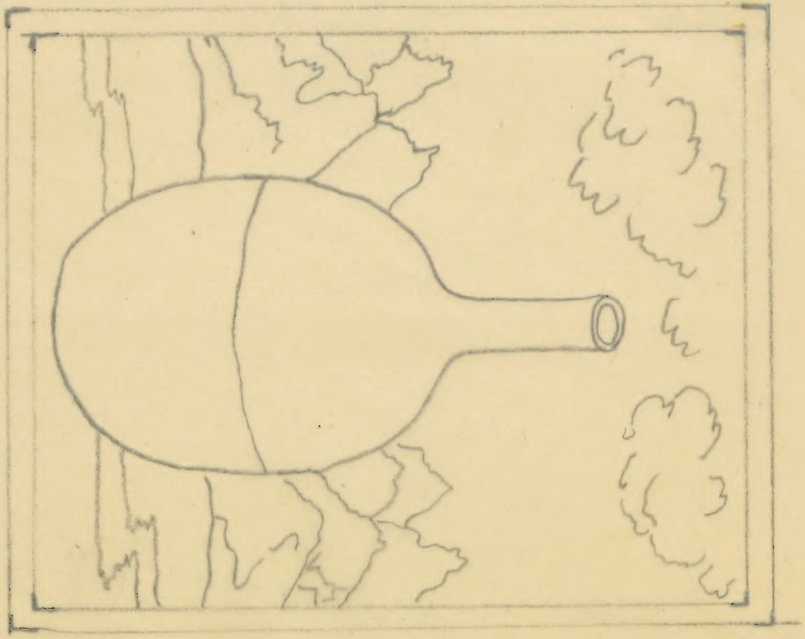

Isle of Mauritius District of
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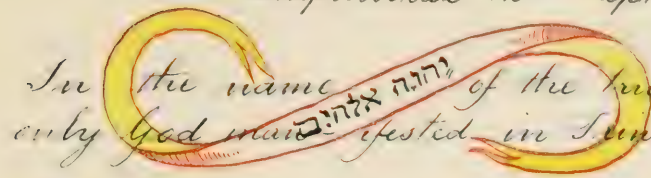
In the name of the true and
only God manifested in Trinity



I Sigismond Bacsthram, do hereby promise in the most sincere and solemn manner faithfully to observe the following Articles during the whole course of my natural life to the best of my knowledge and ability; which Articles I hereby confirm by oath and by my proper signature hereunto annexed.

"One of the Worthy members of the August, most Ancient and most learned Society "of Investigators of Divine, Spiritual, and Natural Truth", (which Society, more than two centuries and a half ago i.e in 1490) did separate themselves from the Free Masons but were again united in one Spirit among themselves under the denomination of "Fratres Rosæ Crucis" (Brethren of the Rosy Cross) i.e the Brethren of the Order

in the Grand Movement made by Jesus Christ on the rosy Cross stained and marked with His Blood for the redemption of Spiritual Nature (laying naked at the same time our Universal Microcosmical Subject אמת the best Magnet for continually attracting and preserving the Universal Fire of Nature in the Form of Incorporeal Spiritual Nitre for the regeneration of Matter) having thought me worthy to be admitted into their august Society in quality of Member Apprentice and Brother and to take of their sublime Knowledge, I do hereby engage in the most solemn manner.

1st That I will always to the utmost of my power conduct myself as becomes a worthy member, with sobriety and piety; and to endeavour to prove myself grateful to the Society for so distinguished a favour as I now receive during the whole course of my natural life

2nd That derision insult and persecution

of this august Society may be guarded against. I will never openly publish that I am a member, nor reveal the name or persons of such persons as I know at present, or may know hereafter.

3rd I solemnly swear that I will, under during my whole life publicly reveal the Secret knowledge I receive at present, or may receive at a future period from the Society or one of its members, nor even privately but will keep our Secrets Sacred.

4th I do hereby promise that I will instruct for the benefit of good men, before I depart this life, one or two persons at most in our Secret Knowledge, and initiate and receive such person or persons as a member Apprentice into our Society in the same manner as I have been initiated and received; but such person only as I believe to be truly worthy and of an upright, well-meaning Mind, blameless conduct, sober life and desirous of Knowledge (: and as there is no distinction of Sexes in the Spiritual World, either among the Blessed angels, nor among the Rational, Immortal Spirits of the Human Race: and as we have

had a Semiramis Queen of Egypt, a Myriam the Prophetess, a Pyramella the Wife of Flammel, and lastly a Leona Constantia Abbess of Clermont, who was actually re-ceived as a practical Member and Master into our Society in the Year 1736 which woman are believed to have been all poss-essors of the Great Work, consequently Sorores Rosæ Crucis and members of our Society by possession, as the possession of this our Art is the Key to the Most Hidden Knowledge, and moreover, as redemption was manifested to Mankind by means of a Woman (The Blessed Vir-gin) and as Salvation which is of in-finitely more value than our whole Art, is granted to the Female Sex as well as to the Male our Society does not exclude a worthy Woman from being initiated God Himself not having excluded Woman from partaking of every Spiritual felicity in the next life, we will not hesitate to receive a worthy Woman into our Soc-iety as a Member Apprentice and even as a practical Member, or a Master if she possesses our Work practically, and has accomplished it provided she is found

like Peronella Flammels wife to be sober, pious, discrete, prudent and reserved, of an upright Mind, and blameless conduct; and desirous of Knowledge.

5th I do hereby declare, that I intend with the permission of God to commence the Great Work with mine own hands, as soon as circumstances, health, opportunity and time will permit. 1st that I may do good therewith as a faithful Steward. 2ndly that I may merit the continued confidence which the Society has placed in me in quality of a Member Apprentice.

6th I do further most solemnly promise that (should I accomplish the Great Work) I will not abuse the great power intrusted to me, by appearing great and exalted, or seeking to appear in a public Character in the World by hunting after Vain Titles of Nobility and Vain glory. Thus in all fluting and Vains but with endeavour to live a sober and orderly life as becomes every Christian, tho' not possessor of so great a temporal Blessing, I will devote a considerable part of my abundance and superfluity (multipliable infinitely) to works of private charity

to aged and deeply afflicted people, to poor children, and above all to such as love God, and act uprightly, and I will avoid encouraging laziness and the profession of public beggars.

7th I will communicate every New or Useful discovery relating to our Work to the nearest Member of our Society and hide nothing from him seeing he can not as a Worthy Member possibly abuse it or prejudice me thereby: on the other hand I will hide these secrets discovered, from the World.

8th I do moreover solemnly Promise, (should I become a Master and possessor) that I will not on the one hand, assist aid, or support with Gold or with Silver any Government, King, or Sovereign; (except by paying taxes) nor on the other hand, any Populace or particular set of men to enable them to revolt against their Government, I will leave Public affairs and arrangments to the Government of God; Who will bring about the events foretold in the Revelation of St John, which are fast accomplishing, I will not interfere with affairs of

Government.

9th I will neither build Churches, Chapels nor Hospitals and such Public Charities as there are already a sufficient number of such public buildings and institutions if they were only properly applied and regulated. I will not give any Salary to any Priest or Clergyman to make them more proud and insolent than they are already. If I relieve a distressed worthy Clergyman, I will consider him in the light of a private distressed individual only. I will not give any Charity with the view of making my name known in the World, but will give my Alms privately and secretly.

10th I hereby promise that I will never be unfaithful to the worthy friend and brother who initiated and received me, but will respect and oblige him as far as lies in my power in the same manner as he has been obliged to promise by his friend who received him.

11th I will, should either by Sea or by Land and meet with any person who may call himself a Brother of the Holy Cross, I will examine him whether he

can give me a proper explanation of "The Universal Fire of Nature and of our Magnet for attracting and magnifying the same under the form of a Salt? And whether he is well acquainted with our Work? And whether he knows the Universal Dissolvent and its use? If I find him able to give satisfactory answers, I will acknowledge him as a Member and Brother of our Society, should I find him superior in knowledge and Experience to myself I will honour him and respect him as a Master above me.

12th If it should please God to permit me to accomplish my great Work with my own hands I will give Praise and Thanks to God in humble Prayer and devote my time to the doing and promoting all the Good that lies in my power and to the pursuit of true and useful Knowledge.

13th I do hereby solemnly promise that I will not encourage Wickedness and debauchery thereby offending God by administering the Medicine for the Human Body nor the Aurum Potabile to a patient infected with the Venereal Disease.

14th I do promise that I will never give

the Fermented Metallic Medicine for [illegible]mutation to any person living [illegible] not a single grain, unless the person is an Initiate and received Member and Brother of the Rosy Cross.

To keep faithfully the above articles as I now receive them from a worthy Member of our Society as he received them himself, I willingly agree and sign this with my name and affix my Seal to the same, So help me God, Amen.

S. Bacstrom LS

I have initiated and received Mr Sigismund Bacstrom, Doctor of Physic as a practical Member and Brother above an apprentice in consequence of his solid learning, which I certify by my name and Seal.

Mauritius 12th Sept. 1794

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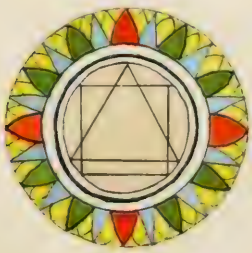

(The Seal of the Red Stone).