



A peace was also concluded at the same time betwixt the Danes and Scottishmen, ratified (as some haue written) in this wise: That from thenceforth the Danes should neuer come into Scotland to make anie warres against the Scots by anie maner of meanes. And these were the warres that Dun-cane had with forren enemies, in the seventh yeere of his reigne. Shortly after happened a strange and vncouth wonder, which afterward was the cause of much trouble in the realme of Scotland, as ye shall after heare. It fortun'd as Macbeth and Banquo iournied towards Fores, where the king then laie, they went sporting by the waie together without o-ther companie, saue onelie themselves, passing thro-rough the woods and fields, when suddentlie in the middelt of a laund, there met them thzee women in strange and wild apparell, resembling creatures of elder world, whome when they attentuelic beheld, wondering much at the sight, the first of them spake and said; All haile Macbeth, thane of Glamis (for he had latelie entered into that dignitie and office by the death of his father Sinell.) The second of them said; Haile Macbeth thane of Calver. But the third said; All haile Macbeth that hereafter shalt be king of Scotland.

Then Banquo; What manner of women (saith he) are you, that seeme so little fauourable vnto me, whereas to my fellow here, besides high offices, ye assigne also the kingdome, appointing forth nothing for me at all? Yes (saith the first of them) we promise

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