



mediatlie after his deceasse . Macbeth soze trou 40
bled herewith , for that he saw by this means his
hope soze hindered (where , by the old lawes of the
realme , the ordinance was , that if he that should
succed were not of able age to take the charge vpon
himselke , he that was next of bloud vnto him should
be admitted) he began to take counsell how he might
vsurpe the kingdome by force , hauing a iust quarell
so to doo (as he took the matter) for that Duncane
did what in him lay to defraud him of all maner of
title and claime , which he might in time to come , 50
pretend vnto the crowne .

Macbeth
Dunbeth
which way he
may take the
kingdome by
force.

Prophecies
moue men to
vnlawfull at-
tempts.

women desi-
rous of high
estate.

Macbeth
beareth king
Duncane.

Macbeth
vsurpeth the
crowne.

Duncanes
buriall.
1046. H. B.

The words of the three weird sisters also (of whom
befoze ye haue heard) greatlie encouraged him here-
vnto , but speciallie his wife lay soze vpon him to at-
tempt the thing , as she that was verie ambitious,
burning in vnquenchable desire to beare the name
of a queene . At length therefore , communicating
his purposed intent with his trustie friends , amongst
whome Banquo was the chiefest , vpon confidence 60
of their promised aid , he slue the king at Cnuerns ,
or (as some say) at Botgoluane , in the sixt yeare of
his reigne . Then hauing a companie about him of
such as he had made priuie to his enterprise , he cau-
sed himselke to be proclaimed king , and forthwith
went vnto Scone , where (by common consent) he
receiued the inuesture of the kingdome according to
the accustomed maner . The bodie of Duncane was
first conueied vnto Elgine , & there buried in king-
lie wise ; but afterwards it was remoued and con-
ueied vnto Colmekill , and there laid in a sepulture
amongst his predecessors , in the yeare after the birth
of our Sautour , 1046 .

Malcolme Cammoze and Donald Bane the sons
of king Duncane , for feare of their liues (which they