



150

## The historie

The whole  
matter is  
confessed.

The nobles  
of the countrie  
set the wit-  
ches on work.

The witches  
were burnt.

The king is  
restored to  
health.

The king  
with an armie  
pursued the  
rebels.

The rebels  
are executed.

the king: for as the image did wasse afore the fire, so did the bodie of the king break forth in sweat. And as for the words of the enchantment, they serued to keepe him still waking from sleepe, so that as the war euer melted, so did the kings flesh: by the which meanes it should haue come to passe, that when the war was once cleane consumed, the death of the king should immediatlie follow. So were they taught by euill spirits, and hired to worke the feat by the nobles of Durrey land. The standers by, that heard such an abhominable tale told by these witches, streightwaies brake the image, and caused the witches (according as they had well deserued) to bee burnt to death. 10

It was said, that the king at the verie same time that these things were a doing within the castell of Fozes, was deliuered of his languor, and slept that night without anie sweat breaking forth vpon him at all, & the next daie being restored to his strength, was able to do anie maner of thing that lay in man to do, as though he had not bene sicke before anie thing at all. But howsoeuer it came to passe, truth it is, that when he was restored to his perfect health, he gathered a power of men, & with the same went into Durrey land against the rebels there, and chasing them from thence, he pursued them into Kosse, and from Kosse into Cathnesse, where apprehending them, he brought them backe vnto Fozes, and there caused them to be hanged vpon gallowes and gibets. 20

Amongest them there were also certeine yong gentlemen, right beautifull and goodlie personages, being neere of kin vnto Donwald captaine of the castell, and had bene perswaded to be partakers with the other rebels, more through the fraudulent counsell of diuerse wicked persons, than of their owne ac 30