



The historie

ble murther.

*Some wisler
than other.
The matter
suspected.*

Finallie, such was his ouer earnest diligence in the seuerer inquisition and triall of the offendozs hèrein, that some of the lordz began to mislike the matter, and to smell forth theiwd tokens, that he should not be altogither cleare himselfe. But for so much as they were in that countrie, where he had the whole rule, what by reason of his friends and authori-
tie togither, they doubted to vtter what they thought, till time and place should better serue therevnto, and
hèrebpon got them awaie euerie man to his home. 10

*Prodigious
weather.*

For the space of six moneths togither, after this heinous murther thus comitted, there appeared no sunne by day, nor mone by night in anie part of the realme, but still was the skie couered with continu-
all clouds, and sometimes such outragious winds arose, with lightnings and tempests, that the people were in great feare of present destruction.

Culene.

In the meane time Culene prince of Cumberland, the sonne (as I haue said) of king Indulph, accom-
panied with a great number of lordz and nobles of the realme, came vnto Scone, there to receiue the crowne according to the manner: but at his coming thither, he demanded of the bishops what the cause should be of such vntemperate weather. Who made answer, that vndoubtedlie almightie God shewed himselfe thereby to be offended most highlie for that wicked murther of king Duffe: and suerlie vnlesse the offendozs were tried forth and punished for that deed, the realme should feele the iust indigna-
tion of the diuine iudgement, for omitting such pu-
nishment as was due for so greuous an offense. 30

*The king as-
ked the cause
of the soule
weather.
The bishops
answer vnto
the king.*

*The king re-
quired pub-
like prayers to
be had.*

Culene hèrebpon required the bishops to appoint publike processions, fastings, and other godlie exercises to be vsed of the priests and people, through all parts of the realme, for the good appeasing of Gods wrath in this behalfe; and in such sort and manner as in semblable cases the vse and custome in those daies