of Scotland.

ratouie at his prayers, and there continued till it was late in the night. At the last, coming forth, he called such afore him as had faithfully served him in pursuice and apprehension of the rebels, and giving them heartie thanks, he bestowed sundrie honorable gifts amongst them, of the which number Donwald was one, as he that had bere ever accounted a most faithful full servient to the king.

At length, having talked with them a long time, he got him into his privie chamber, onelie with two of his chamberlains, who having brought him to bed, came forth againe, and then fell to banquetting with Donwald and his wife, who had prepared diverse delicate dishes, and sundrie sorts of drinks for their rare super collation, whereat they fast by so long, till they had charged their stomachs with such full gooses, that their heads were no longer got to the pillow, but asleep they were so fast, that a man might have removed the chamber over them, longer than to have awaked them out of their drunken sleepe.

When Donwald, though he abhorred the act greatlie in heart, yet through instigation of his wife he called four of his servants unto him (where he had made privie to his wicked intent before, and framed to his purpose with large gifts) and now declaring unto them, after that lost they should worke the feat, they gladlie obeyed his instructions, & speedily going about the murder, they enter the chamber (in which the king late) a little before cockes crow, where they secretlie cut his throte as he lay sleeping, without anie bulking at all: and immediatlie by a poysterne gate they caried forth the dead bodie into the fields, and throwing it upon an holde there provided ready for that purpose, they convey it unto a place, about two miles distant from the castell, where they