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ble murther.

Finally, such was his utter earnest diligence in the severe inquisition and trial of the offenders herein, that some of the lords began to dislike the matter, and to smell foulth theew tokens, that he should not be altogether clear himselfe. But so much as they were in that country, where he had the whole rule, that by reason of his friends and authoritie together, they doubted to utter what they thought, till time and place should better serve thereunto, and hereupon got them a waie euerie man to his home.

For the space of six moneths together, after this heinous murther thus committed, there appeared no sunne by day, no mone by night in euie part of the realme, but still was the skie covered with continual clouds, and sometimes such outrageous winds arose, with lightenings and tempests, that the people were in great feare of present destruction.

In the meane time Culene prince of Cumberlans, the sonne (as I have said) of king Induld, accompanied with a great number of lords and nobles of the realme, came unto Scone, there to receive the crowne according to the manner; but at his coming thither, he demanded of the bishops that the cause should be of such untemperate weather. Who made answer, that undoubtedly almighty God showed himselfe thereby to be offended most highlie for that wicked murther of king Duffe; and verlie while the offenders were tried forth and punished for that deed, the realme should feel the just indignation of the divine judgement, for omitting such punishment as was due for so grievous an offence.

Culene hereupon required the bishops to appoint publicke processions, fastings, and other godlie exercises to be vied of the priests and people, through all parts of the realme, for the god appeasing of Gods wrath in this behalfe; and in such sort and manner as in semblable cases the ble and culsome in those daies