came into Caithness, where meeting with the enemies, after a sore and cruelly fought battle, Sueno remained victorious, and Malcolm with his Scots discomfited. Although the Danes were so broken by this battle, that they were not able to make long chase on their enemies, but kept themselves all night in order of battle, so doubt least the Scots, reassembling together again, might have set upon them at some advantage. On the morrow, when the fields were discovered, and that it was perceived how no enemies were to be found by them, they gathered the spoils, which they divided amongst them, according to the law of arms. Then was it ordained by commandment of Sueno, that no soldier should hurt either man, woman, or child, except such as were found with weapon in hand ready to make resistance, for he hoped now to conquer the realm without further bloodshed.

But when knowledge was given how Duncan was fled to the castle of Berthia, and that Macbeth was gathering a new power to withstand the incursions of the Danes, Sueno raised his tents, and coming to the said castle, laid a strong siege round about it. Duncan swinging himself thus environed by his enemies, sent a secret message by counsell of Banquo to Macbeth, commanding him to abide at Inchcolm, till he heard from him some other news. In the meantime Duncan fell in fainted communication with Sueno, although he would have prevailed the castle into his hands under certain conditions, and this did he to twice time, and to put his enemies out of all suspicion of an enterprise against them, till all things were brought to past that might serve for the purpose. At length, when they were fallen at a point for rending by the hold, Duncan offered to send forth of the castle into the camp great provision of victuals to refresh the armie, which offer was gladie accepted of the Danes, so that they had been in great penury of sustenance manie daies before.