



Sueno van-  
quisheth the  
Scots.

came vnto Culros, where encountering with the en-  
emies, after a foze and cruell fighten battell, Sueno  
remained victorious, and Malcolme with his Scots  
discomfited. Holdbeit the Danes were so broken by  
this battell, that they were not able to make long  
chase on their enemies, but kept themselues all night  
in order of battell, for doubt least the Scots assen-  
bling together againe, might haue set vpon them at  
some aduantage. On the morrow, when the fields  
were discouered, and that it was perceiued how no  
enemies were to be found abroad, they gathered the  
spoile, which they diuided amongst them, according  
to the law of armes. Then was it ordained by com-  
mandement of Sueno, that no souldier should hurt  
either man, woman, or child, except such as were  
found with weapon in hand readie to make resi-  
stance, for he hoped now to conquer the realme with-  
out further bloodshed.

Suenos com-  
mandement  
to spare fire  
and sword.

Duncane fled  
to the castell of  
Bertha.

But when knowledge was giuen how Duncane  
was fled to the castell of Bertha, and that Makbeth  
was gathering a new power to withstand the incur-  
sions of the Danes, Sueno raised his tents, & com-  
ming to the said castell, laid a strong siege round a-  
bout it. Duncane seeing himselfe thus environed by  
his enemies, sent a secret message by counsell of  
Banquo to Makbeth, commanding him to abide  
at Inchenthill, till he heard from him some other  
newes. In the meane time Duncane fell in fained  
communication with Sueno, as though he would  
haue yeilded by the castell into his hands, vnder cer-  
teine conditions, and this did he to some time, and to  
put his enemies out of all suspition of anie enterprise  
ment against them, till all things were brought to  
passe that might serue for the purpose. At length,  
when they were fallen at a point for rendring by the  
hold, Duncane offered to send forth of the castell in-  
to the campe great prouision of vittels to refresh the  
armie, which offer was gladlie accepted of the  
Danes, for that they had bene in great penurie of  
suffenance manie daies before.

Sueno belie-  
geth king  
Malcolme.

Fained trea-  
tie.