



mediatlie after his deceasse . Macbeth soze trou⁴⁰
bled herewith , for that he saw by this means his
hope soze hindered (where , by the old lawes of the
realme , the ordinance was , that if he that should
succéed were not of able age to take the charge vpon
himselfe , he that was next of bloud vnto him should
be admitted) he began to take counsell how he might
vsurpe the kingdome by force , hauing a iust quarell
so to doo (as he tooke the matter) for that Duncane
did what in him lay to defraud him of all maner of
title and claime , which he might in time to come ,⁵⁰
pretend vnto the crowne .

Macbeth
subiect
which way he
may take the
kingdome by
force.

Prophecies
made men to
vnlawfull at-
tempts.

women desi-
rous of high
estate.

Macbeth
heareth king
Duncane.

Macbeth v-
surpeth the
crowne.

Duncanes
buriall.
1046. H. B.

The words of the three weired sisters also (of whom
before ye haue heard) greatlie encouraged him here-
vnto , but speciallie his wife lay soze vpon him to at-
tempt the thing , as she that was verie ambitious ,
burning in vnquenchable desire to beare the name
of a queene . At length therefore , communicating
his purposed intent with his trustie friends , amongst
whome Banquo was the chiefest , vpon confidence
of their promised aid , he slue the king at Cneuerns ,⁶⁰
or (as some say) at Botgoluanne , in the sixt yeare of
his reigne . Then hauing a companie about him of
such as he had made priuie to his enterprisse , he cau-
sed himselfe to be proclaimed king , and forthwith
went vnto Scone , where (by common consent) he
receiued the inuesture of the kingdome according to
the accustomed maner . The bodie of Duncane was
first conueied vnto Elgine , & there buried in king-
lie wise ; but afterwards it was remoued and con-
ueied vnto Colmekill , and there laid in a sepulture
amongst his predecessors , in the yeare after the birth
of our Saviour , 1046 .

Malcolme Cammore and Donald Bane the sons
of king Duncane , for feare of their liues (which they