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might well know that Macbeth would seeke to bring to end for his more sure confirmation in the estate) fled into Cumberland, where Malcolme remained, till time that saint Edward the sonne of Ethelred recovered the dominion of England from the Danish power, the which Edward receiued Malcolme by way of most friendlie entertainement: but Donald passed ouer into Ireland, where he was tenderlie cherished by the king of that land. Macbeth, after the departure thus of Duncanes sonnes, vsed great liberalitie towards the nobles of the realme, thereby to win their fauour, and when he saw that no man went about to trouble him, he set his whole intention to mainteine iustice, and to punish all enormities and abuses, which had chanced through the feeble and slouthfull administration of Duncane. And to bring his purpose the better to passe without anie trouble or great businesse, he deuised a subtile wile to bring all offenders and misdoers vnto iustice, solliciting sundrie of his liege people with high rewards, to challenge and appeale such as most oppressed the commons, to come at a day and place appointed, to fight singular combats within barriers, in triall of their accusations. When these thées, barretors, and other oppressors of the innocent people were come to darren battell in this wise (as is said) they were streight waies apprehended by armed men, and trussed by in halters on gibbets, according as they had iustlie deserued. The residue of misdoers that were left, were punished and fanned in such sort, that manie yeares after all these and reiffings were little heard of, the people inioieng the blissefull benefit of good peace and tranquillitie. Macbeth shewing himselfe thus a most diligent punisher of all iniuries and wrongs attempted by anie disordered persons within his realme, was accounted the sure defense and buckler of innocent people; and hereto he also applied his whole indenuor,

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to Cumber-
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Macbeths
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