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14-5. You may earn his favour by betraying me. wisdom. It is wisdom.

19-20. Even a good man may become corrupt in carrying out the king's commands.

21. If you are good, my suspicions cannot make you evil.

23-4. Malcolm says in effect, "There is no way of judging between persons who are really good and those who only have the appearance of being so; and even though I suspect you, you may nevertheless be virtuous."

the brows of grace. The appearance of goodness.

26. rawness. Raw haste.

27. motives. The fact that his wife and children were precious should have been a reason (motive) for protecting them.

knots. He was bound to them by love.

29-30. I do not wish to dishonour you by my suspicions (jealousies); I am thinking only of my own safety.

83. wear thou thy wrongs. Thou seems to refer to tyranny, rather than to country. The tyrant may now continue in his course of wrong-doing. His right (title) to do wrong is confirmed.

34. affeer'd. Confirmed. This is a legal term, and has no connection with the word *afeard*.

39. I think. I am aware.

41. withal. Besides,

51. particulars. Particular forms,

55. confineless harms. Boundless evils.

57. to top. To overtop, to exceed.

59. Sudden. Violent.

62-3. The man who gives himself up to boundless intemperance is subject to the tyranny of his own passions.

In nature. Either, "in its nature," or "in one's nature."

67. Convey your pleasures. Enjoy your pleasures in secret.

68. the time. The people living at this time.

70. ill-compos'd affection. Disposition made up of evil qualities.

71. stanchless. Insatiable.